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SUBJECT: FURTHER BULGARIAN REACTION OF TRADE REFORM ACT

ANREF: A) SOFIA 172 AND B) SOFIA 159

1. SUMMARY: ARTICLE CARRIED IN THE BULGARIAN MAGAZINE ECONOMIC LIFE OF FEBRUARY 5 ENTITLED "LET SOUND REASON PREVAIL" GIVES THE FURTHER REACTION TO US TRADE REFORM ACT. WHILE EMPHASIZING THAT INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS IS NOT A BASIS UPON WHICH GOB WOULD CONCLUDE TRADE AGREEMENTS, AUTHOR GIVES A MODERATE, REASONED STATEMENT OF THE BULGARIAN POSITION. END SUMMARY.

2. ECONOMIC LIFE MAGAZINE ARTICLE OF FEBRUARY 5 BY BLAGO-VEST MATEEV ENTITLED "LET SOUND REASON PREVAIL" IS CLEAR STATEMENT BULGARIAN POSITION WITH REGARD TRADE REFORM ACT. IT BEGINUE BY STATING THAT ARTICLES OF ADOPTED TRADE REFORM ACT ARE AN ATTEMPT BY US CONGRESS TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS NOT ONLY USSR BUT ALSO OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS WELL. MATEEV DESCRIBES US-BULGARIAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS FOR MANY YEARS AS BEING AT STANDSTILL. HE THEN NOTES POSITIVE CHANGES IN LAST FEW YEARS TO NORMALIZE AND EXPAND RELATIONS,

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CITING AS EXAMPLES US-BULGARIAN CONSULAR CONVENTION

SIGNED LAST APRIL, COMMERCE SECRETARY DENT'S APRIL VISIT, CREATION OF JOINT US-BULGARIAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL AND DEPUTY PREMIER POPOV'S VISIT TO US LAST SEPTEMBER. AS FOOTNOTE TO CREATION JOINT ECONOMIC COUNCIL, MATEEV LAMENTED THAT COUNCIL'S LETTER TO CONGRESS CALLING FOR PASSAGE OF ACT WITHOUT OFFENDING ARTICLES WAS NOT HEEDDED.

3. MATEEV CONTINUES BY STATING THAT LAYING DOWN TERMS AND INTERFERENCE IN PURELY INTERNAL MATTERS ARE NOT A BASIS UPON WHICH GOB WOULD CONCLUDE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH US. BASIS UPON WHICH ECONOMIC RELATIONS SHOULD BE BUILT WAS FORMULATED WITH UTMOST CLARITY BY TODOR ZHIVKOV ON JANUARY 23 DURING VISIT CZECH PARTY LEADER HUSAK: QTE THERE IS A FIELD FOR PEACEFUL, CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION; THERE ARE ALSO CONDITIONS FOR ITS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND DEEPENING, BUT ONLY ON MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS, RESPECT AND HONORING OF INDEPENDENCE, AND EQUALITY OF ALL COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN DIALOGUE FOR PEACE. UNQTE (SEE REFTEL B.) US-BULGARIAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS CAN BE BUILT SOLELY UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, ACCORDING TO MATEEV.

4. COMMENT: MATEEV'S ARTICLE IS ONE OF MODERATION AND REASON. IT BROADENS AND REITERATES POSITION SET FORTH IN ZHIVKOV'S SPEECH AND AUTHORITATIVE RABOTNICHESKO DELO EDITORIAL (REFTEL A) THAT BULGARIA IS PREPARED TO MOVE AHEAD IN RELATIONS WITH US ON AD HOC BASIS.
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